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For:	IMMUNOGENIC HBc CHIMER)	
	PARTICLES STABILIZED WITH)	
	AN N-TERMINAL CYSTEINE)	Group Art No.
)	1648
Examiner:	Donna C. Wortman)	

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The above-identified application, but not the invention claimed therein, is hereby expressly abandoned in favor of continuation-in-part applications Serial No. 10/372,076, 10/732,862 and 10/787,734 filed February 21, 2003, December 10, 2003, and February 26, 2004, respectively.

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The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned should any questions arise that can be dealt with over the phone to expedite this prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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